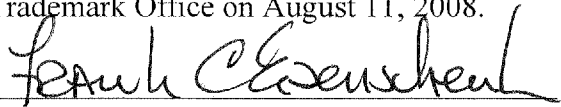


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 19, 20, 25, 26 and 31-33), without traverse. As the species, Applicants hereby elect prokaryotic cells and bacteria as the species for examination. Claims 19, 20, 25, 26, 31-33, 37 and 38 read on the elected invention.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: